

A bridge over the Chathannoor stream.

297. *MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received any representations from the public of Chathannoor praying for the construction of a bridge over the Chathannoor stream between the Government Girls' Middle School and the temple at Chathannoor; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken on the matter?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (a) Yes.

(b) The necessary investigation has been carried out and the question of this bridge is being considered along with the scheme of construction of rural bridges in the State.

Granting of special Casual leave to Government servants.

298. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (Mavelikara cum Kunnattur): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special casual leave is being granted to those Government servants who go in for worship in Sabarimala temple;

(b) if so, the maximum number of days that could be granted as such; and

(c) if not, the reason for not granting?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (Secretary to Government):

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in the light of the above.

(c) There is no provision for such leave in the Travancore Service Regulation.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether arrangements will be made for granting the special casual leave to Government servants who go in for worship in the Sabarimala temple?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: That is a matter of future policy, Sir.

Amalgamation of the Account Office and the Financial Section.

299. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (Vaikom cum Kottayam): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Account Office and the Financial Section are amalgamated and, if so, the present position of clerks in the Financial Section?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN (Financial Secretary to Government): The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative and the Second part does not therefore arise.

Pay of Clerks in the Financial Section.

300. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the clerks in the Financial Section get higher pay than their seniors in the Account Office;

(b) whether they are allowed that pay even now after amalgamation;

(c) if so, whether they are aware that clerks belonging to the same community experience this difficulty (i. e., junior man of one community gets a higher pay than his senior belonging to the same community); and

(d) whether they are also aware that there is additional expenditure on account of this?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: (a) The scales of pay are the same in both the offices.

(b), (c) and (d) There has been no amalgamation and the questions do not arise.

Clerks in the Account Office and the Financial Section.

301. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered the desirability of putting the clerks in the Account Office and the Financial Section in the same level giving their old rank and interchanging clerks of both the offices?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: No.

Deputation of the S. I. U. C. Representatives.

302. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala cum Agastivaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether Messrs. T. A. Thomas B. A., J. M. Joseph, Nesamony B. A., B. L., Paul Nesamony M. A., B. D., and other leaders of S. I. U. C. met the Dewan in deputation at Bhaktivilas in Meenom 1115;

(b) whether they submitted any memorial to the Dewan; and

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the memorial submitted by them?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) A *copy of the memorial is laid on the table.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: In regard to part (c) of the answer, may I know whether any action was taken on the memorials?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Certainly, Sir. The matter is under consideration.

September Examinations by the Travancore University.

303. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are September Examinations for the F. L. and B. L. candidates, conducted by the Travancore University; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, the reasons for the same?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*):

(a) No.

(b) As it is not considered desirable.

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